

Werner Elementary School
5400 Mail Creek Lane
Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

September 13, 2011

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Vice President of Enrichment Ann Zollman at 6:21 pm

Welcome

Ann Zollman welcomed everyone and went over some upcoming events.

- Picture Day 9/14
- Fall Festival 9/16
- No School 9/19
- Expanded Enrichment Registration 9/20 – 9/21
- Werner Night Out at Noodles 9/26
- October PTA Meeting and Speaker Series 10/11
- Movie Night 10/14
- Bingo 11/4
- November PTA Meeting 11/8

Ann introduced the board members.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$15,157
Income - \$3,420
Expenses – \$155.04
Ending balance – \$18,421.96

Income:
King Soopers - \$10
Entertainment Books - \$3,420
Expenses:
Kindergarten Tea \$155.04

Principal's Report

Coffee Talk - Next Coffee Talk is Friday, October 14th, 9:00 am in the Teacher's Lounge.

Mill Bond – We are fortunate to have the mill bond pass. We were able to add in new staff, new technology, and facilities upgrades over the next few years.

Staffing - We used the mill bond money to increase to a 4 track system to keep class sizes smaller. Enabled us to hire 2 new paras to help the teachers in the room. Specials teachers back at 100%.

Technology upgrades – all computers 6 years or older were replaced – 110 new desktops. Updated software. 8 classrooms with Smart boards. Getting netbooks for in school use for 5th grade this year, 4th grade next year, following year 3rd grade. They will be updated every 4 years.

Furniture – Able to replace 6 classrooms with desks and chairs with help from the PTA.

On radar for the year – Gifted and talented task force to create where we are at as a school and where we want to be in the next 5 years.

Site Based Management (Governance) – Our council is looking for a few new members. Looks at whole school issues. If you are interested, talk to Hayden Camp.

Old Business

Committee Updates

Bingo – coming up in November. Rebecca Creech would really like to have someone help.

Chess Club – should have received a flyer about the competitive chess club

Lego Robotics – for 4th and 5th grade is getting up and running

Directory – Wrapping it up this week, will be published toward end of September.

Fall Festival – Julie Grillo and Wanda Molinary Knipp talked about the Fall Festival. They have a lot of silent auction items this year. Need volunteers for half hour shifts. Can sign up online or talk to Wanda. Ticket prices go up the night of the festival.

Entertainment books – Fundraiser specifically targeted to classroom use. \$20 of the \$25 cost you can get back from the King Soopers coupons.

King Soopers gift cards – 5% of all purchases at King Soopers comes back to Werner. Can be used for groceries, prescriptions, and gas.

Newsletter – Deadlines for newsletter submissions is the 15th of every month.

Spirit Wear – This year is the biggest it has been. The form is available on the PTA website. First order is due this Friday. We do get money back for the school from the sales as well. Would love to have suggestions for other items if you have them.

Volunteer Coordination – Chris Lotito reminded everyone to sign up with the district for the background checks. It is best to do it early, as it may take a while for the district to run the check. New volunteer check-in system should be running at 100% now.

Community Service – First activity will be around Thanksgiving in which they will take donations of Thanksgiving food items to benefit families and Werner and other local schools. The Werner Cares & Shares will be in December.

Still have openings for Chairs for Wellness, Earth Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Birthday Books. If you are interested in chairing one of these committees, talk to a board member.

Old Business

New Business

Budget - Need to make some corrections to the approved budget.

- Chess club and Science Fair were inadvertently left out (each to get \$150).
- Increased the Fall Fun Festival by \$300 to cover this.
- Moved field trip funding out as the newsletter revenue goes directly to the school (Approx. \$3500).

Rebecca Creech motioned to update the budget. Renee Cohn Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Movie Night – October 14th (Buck, African Cats, Zookeeper, Judy Moody and the NOT So Bummer Summer). Lori Everhart said that Zookeeper was not appropriate – taken off the list. If anyone has suggestions we can look at those too. Someone said it would be nice to have a G rated movie. Tiffany Haag talked about how it is hard to strike a balance between a G rated movie and a newer movie that gets more interest. Other suggestions: Up, How to Train a Dragon.

Eco-week Request – We did receive a request for the 5th grade Eco week. We will issue a check from our budget.

Review of Minutes *Julie Grillo moved to accept the last meetings minutes. Wanda Molinary Knipp seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

Adjournment *Rebecca Creech moved adjourn the meeting. Wanda Molinary-Knipp seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Speaker Series Renee Cohn Jones, PhysD presented “My Kids are Laughing at Me...And I Love It! She spoke about the importance of humor.